

HOUSE BILL 842

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 8; Title 49, Chapter 9; Title 68, Chapter 102 and Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to fire protection sprinkler systems in housing owned and operated by public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-110, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

Notwithstanding this part, chapter 102 of this title, any rule of the division of fire prevention, any fire or building code adopted by reference pursuant to a rule of the division of fire prevention, or any fire or building code adopted by a local government, a fire protection sprinkler system shall not be required in a housing facility owned and operated by a public institution of higher education, if the facility:

- (1) Houses fewer than ten (10) students who are employed by the public institution of higher education and are assigned duties to the benefit of the institution;
- (2) Is no more than two (2) stories in height;
- (3) Has at least one (1) smoke detector on each floor of the facility and in every bedroom; and
- (4) Undergoes an annual fire safety inspection by the state fire marshal, or the state fire marshal's deputies or assistants.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.